Joint Chiefs of Staff and Unified Commands

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THE AIR FORCE MISSION

FLY AND FIGHT AND WIN
AMERICA'S WARS

THE USAF MISSION (10 USC 8013)

- RECRUITING
- ORGANIZING
- ***EQUIPPING***
- ***SUPPLYING***
- ***TRAINING***
- SERVICING
- MOBILIZING
- DEMOBILIZING
- ADMINISTERING
- MAINTAINING
- MILITARY EQUIPMENT
- REAL PROPERTY

THE CINC's MISSION (10 USC 164)

- DIRECTING COMMANDS/FORCES TO CARRY OUT ASSIGNED MISSIONS, INCLUDING OPERATIONS, JOINT TRAINING AND LOGISTICS
- EMPLOYING FORCES TO CARRY OUT ASSIGNED MISSIONS
- EXERCISING AUTHORITY TO SELECT COMMANDERS, ASSIGN/SUSPEND HQ STAFF, CONVENING COURTS-MARTIAL

THE DOD MISSION

COMMAND THOSE WHO FLY, SAIL, TAKE THE BEACH AND THE HILLS IN THE OPERATIONS THAT

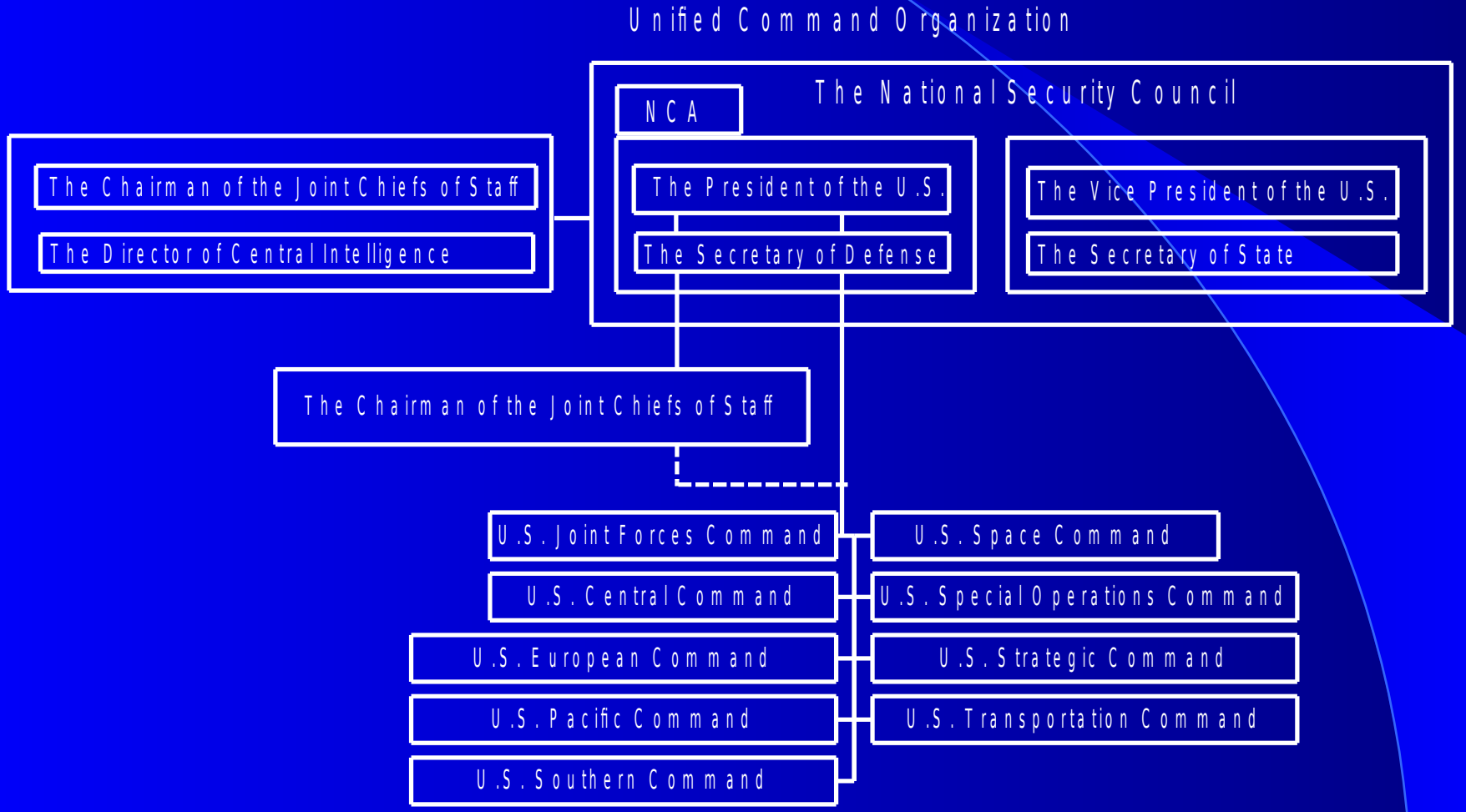
FIGHT AND WIN AMERICA'S WARS

(AND OPERATIONS OTHER THAN WARS)

Overview

- The National Security Council
  - The Interagency process
- The Department of Defense
  - Joint Staff
  - Combatant CINCs
- Current Issues

STRUCTURAL OVERVIEW


Unified Command Organization
The National Security Council
NCA
The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
The Director of Central Intelligence
The President of the U.S.
The Secretary of Defense
The Vice President of the U.S.
The Secretary of State
The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
U.S. Joint Forces Command
U.S. Central Command
U.S. European Command
U.S. Pacific Command
U.S. Southern Command
U.S. Space Command
U.S. Special Operations Command
U.S. Strategic Command
U.S. Transportation Command

The National Command Authorities

- The President and the Secretary of Defense
- Hold the constitutional authority to direct the Armed Forces

The National Security Council

- Established by the NSA of 1947
- Principal forum to consider national security issues that require Presidential decision
- NSC integrates domestic, foreign, and military policies relating to national security

The National Security Council

- Four statutory members
  - President
  - Vice President
  - Secretary of State
  - Secretary of Defense
- Two statutory advisers
  - The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff
  - The Director of Central Intelligence

The Interagency Process

- PDD created formal interagency forums below the NSC proper
  - Principals Committee (CJCS)
  - Deputies Committee (VCJCS)
  - Executive Committee (3 star level)
  - Interagency working groups (J-5 action officers)
- Interagency lawyers working group

The War and Navy Departments

- Pre-1947:
  The President coordinated efforts of the War Department and the Department of the Navy

The Department of Defense

- 1947: National Security Act established
  - a National Military Establishment under leadership of a civilian Secretary
  - USAF, CIA, and NSC
  - JCS as principal military advisers to NCA
  - Unified and specified commands

1949 Amendment to the National Security Act of 1947

- Changed the NME to the DOD
- Subordinated the Military Departments to DOD
- Created the office of the CJCS

The Department of Defense

- 1986 amendment to the NSA of 1947 *(the Goldwater-Nichols DoD Reorganization Act of 1986)*
  - designated CJCS as principal military adviser
  - transferred duties of corporate JCS to CJCS
  - created position of VCJCS
  - assigned all forces to CINCs except those performing only “service” functions

THE CHAIRMAN

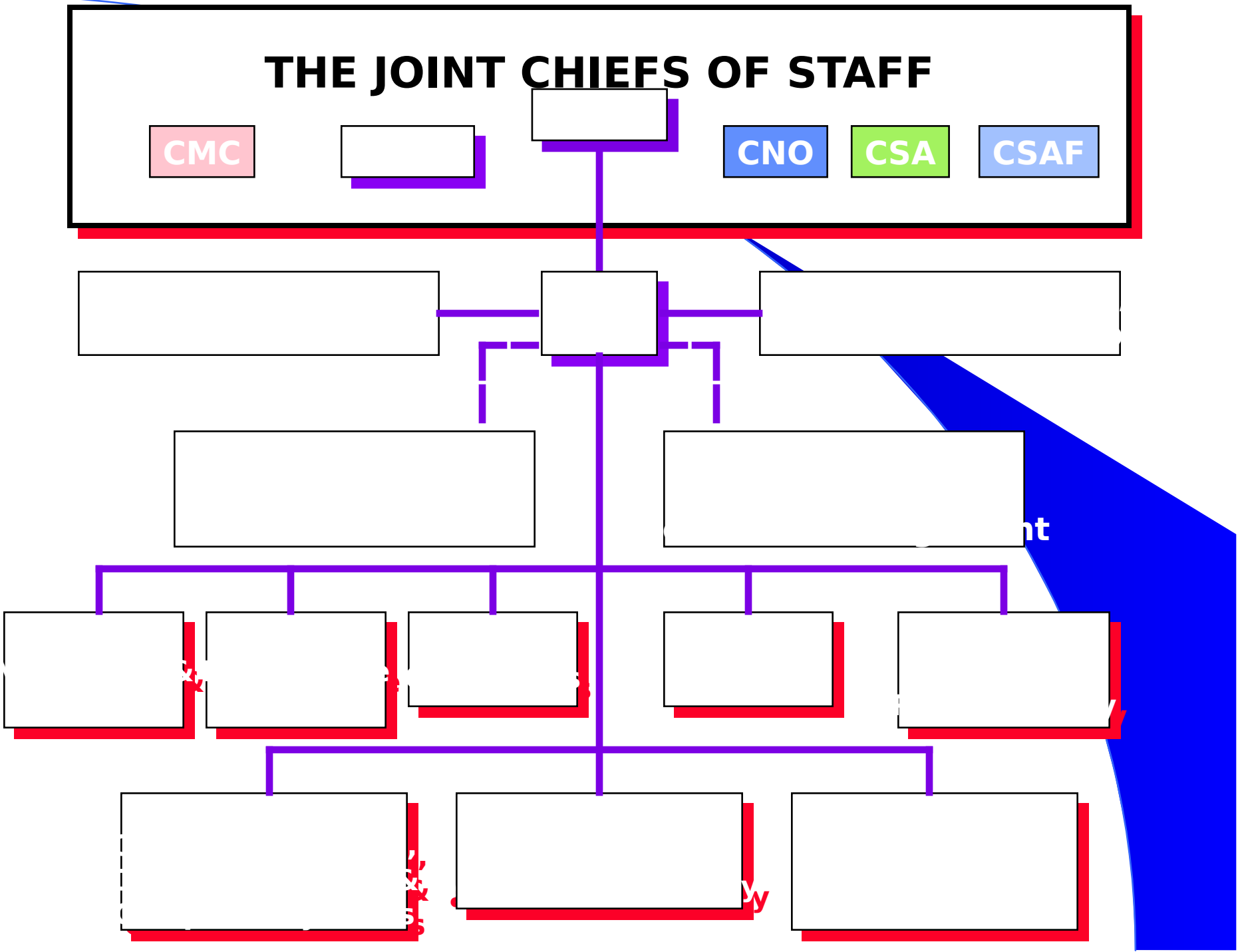
- NOT A COMMANDER
- THE PRINCIPAL MILITARY ADVISOR TO THE NATIONAL COMMAND AUTHORITIES AND NSC
- PRESIDES OVER JCS

THE CHAIRMAN

- OVERSEES COMBATANT COMMANDS
- PLANNING
  - roles and missions
  - programs and budgets
  - doctrine and joint training
- US MILREP FOR TREATY OBLIGATIONS

THE CHAIRMAN

- SELECTS THE JOINT STAFF
- OVERSEES JOINT PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT


THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
CMC
CNO
CSA
CSAF

Combatant Commanders

- Functional CINC--mission is worldwide performance of a warfighting function.
  - Space, Transportation, Special Operations, and Strategic
- Geographic CINC--mission is defined by a general geographic area of responsibility
  - Joint Forces (formerly, Atlantic), Southern, European, Central, and Pacific Commands

CINCs' CURRENT ISSUES

- Joint problems different than service problems
  - Military Justice, Funding
- Overcoming service parochialism
- Effect of Goldwater-Nichols
  - Components vice Wing/NAF/MAJCOM
  - Direct reporting to SECDEF
- Each CINC has unique problems

JCS CURRENT ISSUES

- NCA Review of Policies
- Headline Incidents
- Information Operations
- Balkans
- Vieques
- Domestic Operations
- Deployment Process

CURRENT ISSUES (Cont.)

- MEPP
- ONW/OSW
- UNCLOS Treaty
- Counter-Drug Ops
- Joint Justice
- Fiscal Law: it’s everywhere

RECAP

- JCS
  - Background, organization
- CINCs
  - Functional, Geographic
- Current Issues

FINAL THOUGHTS

- KNOW YOUR CHAIN OF COMMAND
  - a.k.a., remember where you come from
- THINK JOINT
  - a.k.a., know how you'll execute the Air Force mission